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AGAINST THE "KNOCKER."

A COMMUNICATION appears in this issue on page two which is well worth reading. Regarding that portion of the article which touches on the upbuilding of the Grand Canyon mining region we must say, while in the main the argument against the "knocker" is all right, that the whole fault does not lie there alone.

Since the re-organization and consolidation of different companies in this mining region there are, practically speaking, but three companies largely interested in this immediate section, viz.: Anita Consolidated, the Val Verde and the Canyon Copper Co.

The latter company at present has about sixty men on the payroll and is pushing development work most successfully under the competent and conservative management of Messrs. Barbour & Page. Car after car of rich ore is being shipped out for treatment, showing that, even though the "knocker" is doing his best or worst, it has no effect upon the output or general standing of that property in this community or on the outside. The fact that the "knocker" cuts no ice with the man who knows his business is shown by the fact that, as stated in these columns three weeks ago, the owners had the pleasure of refusing a quarter of a million of dollars for the same.

For various and sufficient reasons the two other companies have suspended operations for some time past, but work will again be resumed shortly. The NEWS is anxious for that day to come as there is no one thing in a mining community that will so quickly squelch the "knocker" as activity. Printed matter is all right in its place, but in a case of this kind it won't do away with the "knocker." The activity displayed by the Canyon Copper Co. has done much to rid the community of him already. With work being pushed forward by the other companies interested, the tourist and investor could see what was going on and the

"knocker" would be out of business. The fellow who is afraid to go to work because there is a "knocker" sitting on the fence will wait a long time before he ever does anything. Let him go to work with a will and see how quickly that fellow will fall in line.

The NEWS now, as always, has faith in the future of the Grand Canyon mining district. The business men of the community have stood loyally by the proposition from its inception, but the time has arrived when the companies interested in the district should also take a hand in the elimination of the "knocker." The longer the mines lie idle, from whatever cause, the harder will the "knocker" knock, so let's be up and doing.

THE court of inquiry in the long-lit Schley case presented its findings to the secretary the latter part of last week. The findings against the admiral are eleven in number and are a surprise to all. Admiral Dewey gives Schley the entire credit for the destruction of Cervera's fleet. This holding by a man of the reputation of Mr. Dewey seems to compensate the admiral for the unexpected findings of the court of inquiry.

THE latest reports from the kidnaped missionary, Miss Stone, is to the effect that she has undertaken the arduous task of converting the bandits. Bandit evangelists would be a drawing card in this country, but it looks as though Miss Stone has a life-long engagement in this conversion.

TO ALL our readers we wish a Merry Christmas. The present prosperity of Williams indicates a most happy one also.

Sweet cider, glass or gallon. Williams Hardware and Stationery Co.

WILLIAMS SCHOOL NEWS.

To pupils and patrons we wish a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The A class in room four has completed United States history and after vacation will take up civil law.

During the vacation the blackboards will be treated to a coat of paint, which will add materially to their appearance and utility.

Misses Marine and McIntyre and Mr. Gifford will attend the territorial teachers' association in Prescott, which convenes Monday, the 23d.

One of our boys, Elmer Scott, has laid aside the cares and troubles of a schoolboy and is seeking fame and fortune as messenger boy at the depot.

Our boys and girls will enjoy a vacation next week and on New Year's day. No doubt you can hear the merry voices of skaters about eighteen hours each day at the dam.

Miss McIntyre has added to the appearance of the primary room, by having placed therein a beautiful eight-day clock, which very much pleases the children every hour by its clear, silvery tones.

Each room yesterday had appropriate exercises for holiday closing.

Perfumes Perfumes Perfumes

I have a nice stock of IMPORTED PERFUMES, also a full line of Rieger's California perfumes. Nothing nicer for a Christmas or New Year present * * *

Call and see them

F. W. SMITH

J. C. PHELAN GROCERIES AND MEATS

Vegetables, Fruit
Hay and Grain
Oysters, Fish
and Poultry

Several patrons were in attendance in the various rooms, for which kindness the faculty wish to express their gratitude and appreciation. We would be pleased to have patrons call in at any time and inspect the work being done.

Two of the teachers had a most delightful trip to Flagstaff last Saturday on their wheels, arriving there just at dinner time. Regardless of the predictions of THE WILLIAMS NEWS they rode to Flagstaff on their "cycles" and back (on the train) in twelve hours.

L. E. GIFFORD.

All kinds of fancy perfumes at all prices. Williams Drug Co. New store.

Contractors Have Troubles.

There has been much uneasiness evidenced lately among the prospective occupants of the new Pollock building, and all because of a delay in the shipment of plate glass for the frontages of the new building. Up to Tuesday it looked as if the only remedy would be to send a duplicate order, which would cause much delay in the moving of the several stocks of merchandise to the new rooms. S. H. Rea has spent most of his time lately in corresponding with the Los Angeles house, the railroad company and answering questions. He received a letter some time since that the car had been located at Ash Fork, but upon opening the car no glass was found. Another tracer was sent out and Tuesday, about midnight, Sam received a telegram that the glass had been located in Gallup and was on its way to Williams. It arrived Wednesday with one large glass broken, but since the arrival Sam has worn a broad

smile of satisfaction as the kicks have all ceased.

G. W. Martin will have all kinds of poultry for Christmas.

RHOADES.

[BY MISS MAHEL MATTOON.]

December 13, 1901.

Two new pupils were added to the roll of the Rhoades school, Misses May and Anna O'Brien, who come in from the ranch four miles from camp.

C. E. Sweetwood, Dan O'Rourke and Geo. Sanks went on a hunting expedition last week and expect to return to camp laden with trophies of their skill.

Mrs. Ramsdall and daughter, of Prescott, passed through Maine, Tuesday, a week ago, on their way to join Mr. Ramsdall at his camp where they will spend the winter.

J. M. Rodrigues, who has been in the employ of this company, has moved with his family to Flagstaff where he has entered the employ of the Arizona Lumber and Timber company.

Alex Fletcher and Albert Lebsch, both of whom have worked for this lumber company for the past five years, left last Tuesday for their homes, the former to Canada, the latter to Saginaw, Michigan. They have planned a sightseeing trip, going first to San Francisco, then east by way of the Union Pacific.

Notice.

Having sold my interest in the business known as the Arcade saloon, located on Railroad avenue, to Alex Chisholm, I desire to state that Mr. Chisholm will collect and pay all bills from this date, December 11, 1901.

IRVIN L. SANDERS.